

## CORNHUSKER ITEMS

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout Nebraska.

Corn and fruit come in for encouraging remarks, while wheat, oats and alfalfa are deemed disappointing in the weekly crop report for Nebraska, issued by G. A. Loveland, United States meteorologist.

Wheat in the Platte valley was blown down badly in many places by the severe wind and hail storm of last week. Farmers were of the opinion that much of it would revive.

Leo Stuhr, secretary of agriculture, announces that Clay county is the first county in Nebraska to complete cattle tuberculosis tests of every animal in the county.

Fire starting, it is believed, from a bolt of lightning during a thunder shower, destroyed the machine and cattle shed on the farm of George Luther, near Hooper.

Following a test run the new munny power plant at Pawnee City has been accepted by the city. The plant supplies several towns in this section of the state.

Richardson county and surrounding territory is suffering the greatest pig mortality in years, due to round worms, according to Joseph L. Worrell, county agent.

The proposed community hall for Nebraska City for which bonds in the sum of \$100,000 were voted in October, 1920, will not be built in the immediate future.

With a membership of 371, the McCook lodge of the Degree of Honor claims to be the banner organization of the state, in cities of similar population.

Arrangements have been made to provide for outdoor meetings of all the Pawnee City churches combined on Sunday evenings during the summer.

Harry Jennings Lamb stepped into a deep hole while bathing in the Elkhorn river near Arlington and was drowned before companions could reach him.

Seventy-three men and women who have passed 70 made merry at the second annual Sunset social tendered them by the Nelson Commercial club.

Two hundred Royal Neighbors of Gage Jefferson, Thayer, Saline, Nuckolls and Clay counties attended a school of instruction in Beatrice.

The Maywood district fair association will hold the annual summer race meet July 4-5. The greatest number of horses in history is entered.

The fifteenth annual encampment of the United Spanish War veterans just ended at Hastings elected Bruce Newton of Omaha as commander.

Jefferson county is to have its first rural paved road. It is being constructed on the federal road between Fairbury and Hebron.

Lodgepole is becoming the largest hog shipping point in that section of the state. Thirty cars have gone out within a few weeks.

A petition is being circulated at Lodgepole for the erection of a \$90,000 school building. A levy to raise \$19,000 was voted.

Forest Bartlett, 13 years old, was drowned while swimming with some companions in the Blue river at Fairbury.

Hail tore a patch several miles long and a mile wide near Star, doing extensive damage to growing crops and fruit trees.

Thirty-eight Epworth league chapters were represented at the district convention at David City last week.

A tornado struck the neighborhood of Henry in Scottsbluff county and destroyed a number of farm homes.

Nebraska Elks are in session at Columbus. Nineteen lodges are represented at the meeting.

An attendance of 5,000 is expected at the National Waltham League which meets at Omaha in July.

Nearly 5,000 members attended the state Sunday school convention at its session in Fremont.

James McPhillips a farmer near Lindsay has just sold his place for \$275 an acre.

In a recent drive in Omaha, young women raised over \$3,500 by the sale of poppies.

Suit for \$150,000 against two stockholders in the old Independent Telephone company of Omaha, brought in behalf of bondholders and judgment creditors a year ago by James H. Hanley, receiver, is docketed for trial in federal court at Los Angeles this week.

The Rev. John Albert Williams of St. Philip's church has just celebrated the thirty-first anniversary of his entrance upon the ministry in Omaha all of the time having been spent in that place.

The diamond jubilee of the Evangelical Lutheran synod of Missouri and other states was celebrated in York with nearly 4,000 in attendance. Seventeen counties were represented.

A large barn on the farm of George Spadt, near Friend, occupied by the H. L. Wood family, was destroyed by fire, together with a fine span of mules, some harness, hay and grain.

The Columbus light and power company is receiving coal from New Mexico at a price double that usually paid, to augment the fast disappearing supply laid in at the outset of the strike at a cost of \$12,000.

The State Department of Trade and Commerce announces the reopening of the Farmers bank at Crawford under an entirely new management and with its cash reserves fully established.

Bloomfield has voted to raise \$27,000 to be expended in local improvements. The city library at University Place contains over 10,000 volumes.

It is expected that several thousand Modern Woodmen of America will attend the four day meeting which is to be held in Fremont, July 31 to August 3, inclusive. Over 1,500 Woodmen have already made entry. It is said, for participation in various competitive drills and athletic program.

A wind, rain and hail storm that struck northeastern Holt county was the worst of its kind ever seen in that neighborhood. The hail was a foot deep on the level and drifts averaging three and one-half feet deep could be found. Nearly every farmer in the vicinity suffered heavy loss.

Pawnee City is suffering from a water shortage, doubly serious because paving crews at work on thirty-two blocks need a great supply. The shortage is caused by a sudden inlet of quicksand into the wheels and pumps are unable to draw water from the sand.

The Shelton Hardware Co. store and Gumprecht and Merdinger's grocery and meat market were broken into and goods and money to the amount of three or four hundred dollars taken. A number of shotguns, shells and small articles of hardware were taken.

Gilbert Swanson living near Lindsey, owns what is probably the heaviest bunch of steers ever fattened in Nebraska. The steers will all weigh in the neighborhood of 2,500 pounds, and Mr. Swanson has had them on feed for 18 months, buying them in Omaha.

To guide night travelers four electric beacon lights will be put on Fairbury court house. Each will be a 200 candle power which can be seen for miles around. The country pays for the labor and material and the city furnishes maintenance and the juice.

Probably 200,000 hens will be kept on Johnson county farms this summer, which, at an average of thirty eggs for four months at 2 cents each, would return an income that would equal \$120,000, according to J. F. Purbough, county extension agent.

The probabilities are that Buffalo county will have to undertake the erection of a new bridge across the Platte, south of Elm Creek. The state aid fund cannot be used, and the supervisors are now considering a county bridge project.

E. L. Jenkins, treasurer of Jefferson county has remitted to D. B. Cropsey state treasurer, the state portion of tax collected in May. The amount was \$56,341.80 an unusually large amount for Nebraska's share of one month's collections.

William Gross of Wisner was elected president of the Nebraska Hampshire Breeders association at its recent session at Norfolk, at which over fifty breeders from western, eastern and southern parts of the state were present.

A resolution has been adopted by the Columbus board of supervisors calling a special election to authorize the sale of the old court house and the grounds. The election is to be held with the primaries on Tuesday, July 18.

Prices on staple foods, bought quarterly for the board of control, advanced in unit price based on twelve commodities from \$109.05 to \$110.63, since last March, according to bids just received by the board for its June letting.

Captain William James Broatch, former mayor of Omaha and state legislator, died in Lord Lister hospital in that place, his death following an operation two weeks ago from which he was unable to rally.

County Treasurer M. L. Endress of Douglas county has remitted \$357,000 in state taxes to State Treasurer Dan Cropsey—the largest day's remittance from any Nebraska county in the history of the state, Cropsey says.

John Murty, former member from Cass county of the lower house of the Nebraska legislature and one of the state's most prominent grain men, was killed at Alvo, when struck by a Rock Island passenger train.

Work of rebuilding the Cooper Flour mills at Humboldt, destroyed by fire a few weeks ago, is well under way. The loss was \$120,000. The power plant, which supplied the city with power will be rebuilt first.

Fremont's new Methodist church was used for the first time last Sunday. Regular Sunday school and church services are to be held in the new auditorium. The church is said to be one of the finest in this part of Nebraska.

The 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wenzel, residing near Nebraska City, got his hand under a rocking chair with the result that the hand was so badly mangled that one finger had to be amputated.

Allowing dancing parties in the high school building is not an abuse or desecration on the part of members of the school board, it was decided in an opinion handed down by the Nebraska supreme court in affirming a decision of the lower court denying an application for an injunction.

Two young ladies from across the sea, Wietske Wierstra and Jantze Zylstra, arrived in Omaha a few days ago, and were married to John and Albert Blaw of that place. The two couples were sweethearts in far off Holland, and will make their home in this new land.

Raymond Smith lost his life when he dived into the Elkhorn river at a shallow point near Valley, breaking his neck.

William Kuhlman, a well known cattleman of Chester, topped the Kansas City market recently, and with a mixed load of Herefords, secured the top price of the year, \$9.05 per hundred weight.

Adams citizens have gone on record in favor of the installation of a waterworks system to cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000. The town board will call a special bond election in the near future.

## CUT ALFALFA AT CORRECT PERIOD

Best Plan to Delay Harvesting Until the Plants Are Nearly in Full Bloom.

## LIFE OF STAND LENGTHENED

Recommended That Crop Be Given Time to Reach Height of 6 to 8 Inches Before Cold Weather Shuts Off the Sap Flow.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Delaying the cutting of alfalfa until it is nearly in full bloom has been found a better practice than mowing it soon after blooming starts. Trials made by the United States Department of Agriculture and state experiment stations indicate that the yields are larger over a period of years, and that the life of the stand is prolonged by delaying harvesting until the plants are nearly in full bloom.

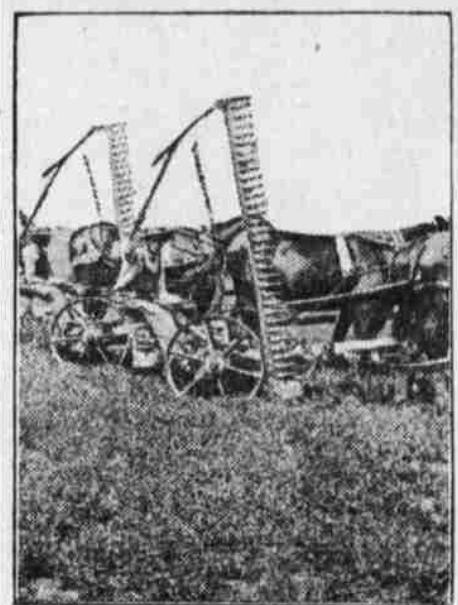
Hay made when the plants are nearly in full bloom possibly is not quite so palatable, but this is offset by the gain in quantity of hay. The fields that were cut prior to or at the beginning of blooming showed a tendency to die out sooner. Cutting a crop late in the fall so that not enough growth was left for protection in the winter also had much to do with thinning stands. The department recommends that alfalfa be given time to reach a height of six to eight inches before cold weather shuts off the sap flow.

## Broadcasting Best Plan.

In the past the growing of alfalfa in rows in dry regions has been recommended, by experimental evidence gathered by the department in the last few years shows that, with the exception of a few rare varieties the seed of which sells for a high price, this method is seldom practical. Where the rainfall is not sufficient to grow alfalfa in broadcast stands it cannot usually be grown profitably in rows. A slightly larger yield may be produced, but not enough to pay for the added expense. Also, the hay harvested on this cultivated ground is apt to be dirty and it is hard to cut and load.

## Value of Cultivation.

Accumulating experience also has exploded some old notions about the value of cultivation of broadcast stands. It has been found that harrowing a field of alfalfa ordinarily does not increase the yield; neither does it prolong the life of the stand to any noticeable extent. The modified



Cutting Alfalfa.

spring-tooth harrow does not injure the plants, but the disk often kills many and reduces the stand. Some sort of cultivation appears advisable in irrigated regions where the water carries a great deal of silt or where the soil has been compacted by the tramping of cattle pastured on the alfalfa. The department believes there is usually little to be gained by cultivating broadcast fields when the stand is good. If weeds and grass work in and reduce the stand it is better to plow up the field and put in another crop for a year or two. It is hard to thicken a thin stand by cultivating it and sowing more seed; in fact, it is a waste of time, the department believes.

## LIME INFLUENCE IS LASTING

Where Applied in Liberal Quantities Soil Shows Beneficial Effects for Years.

It has been observed that where lime has been applied in fairly liberal quantities to soil, the soil shows the beneficial effects for a number of years afterward. In long-time tests made by the Ohio experiment station the crop yields during the last six years of a 13-year period were much larger than during the first seven years.

## PROVIDE RIGHT VENTILATION

Leave Opening on South Side of House to Equal One-Tenth of Total Floor Space.

In providing ventilation, enough space should be left open in the south side of poultry houses so that the open front will equal one-tenth of the total floor space. This open screen ought to be near the bottom of the south side rather than at the top, so that the warm air from the roosts will not flow up and out of the open space.

## SLASH PINE YIELDS CASH WHILE GROWING

Profit of 6 to 12 Per Cent Interest Has Been Made.

Trees Grow Rapidly and Lumber Market Is Fast Taking Material of Smaller Size and Poorer Grades—Bulletin Free.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Slash pine grows rapidly and yields revenue in turpentine gum at an early age while it is growing into timber, says the United States Department of Agriculture in Farmers' Bulletin 1250, Slash Pine, prepared by Wilbur R. Mattoon, forest examiner, and now ready for distribution. Well-stocked stands of young growth, after making liberal deductions for the cost of taxes and fire-protection during the period of growth, show profits of 6 to 12 per cent compound interest on an investment of \$5 an acre.

A large number of owners in the South are deriving good profits from low-priced lands by using them for the production of timber and grazing



Turpentine Operations in a Thirteen-Year-Old Stand of Slash Pine.

of stock. If fire is excluded, the range yields more of the tender annual grasses and legumes which are more nutritious than the hardy perennials like wire and broom-sedge grasses, and the influence of the protective soil cover stimulates tree growth to a marked degree.

If the timber in the forest pasture becomes too dense, the owner has an easy remedy by first working the larger trees for turpentine and then cutting them for lumber, ties, posts, pulpwood, or firewood. Open stands of slash pine, with 75 to 150 trees an acre measuring up to ten inches on the stump, induce a rapid growth of the individual tree and admit a good growth of grass. In such stands more turpentine to the tree is secured than in overcrowded ones, and the grazing of live stock can be carried on successfully.

Second-growth slash pine stands, twenty to forty years old, frequently contain from 80 to 100 trees to the acre. At 20 cents a cup, less than the price received in 1919 for turpentine rights on the Florida national forest, such stands would be worth for turpentine \$20 to \$25, and with pine stumpage at \$5 a thousand the timber would be worth \$25 to \$30, or an average money return of from \$1.50 to \$2 an acre yearly. Observations and experience in such older sections of the country as New England indicate that good financial returns may be derived in relatively short periods from second-growth forests if handled under a proper system of protection, turpentering, and cutting, the bulletin points out.

Because slash pine grows rapidly and the lumber market is fast taking material of smaller size and poorer grades, the day is approaching when good stumpage prices can be obtained for young and second-growth timber. Copies of the bulletin may be had free upon application to the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

## GETTING STAND OF ALFALFA

Iowa Farmers Secure Best Fields by Seeding During August and Without Nurse Crop.

Experience of many Iowa farmers and of the Iowa agricultural experiment station is that the surest method of getting a stand of alfalfa is to seed during August without a nurse crop on land which has been plowed in early summer and cultivated at ten-day intervals to kill weeds and conserve moisture. Objections to this method are that the land does not yield returns during the season preceding seeding, that it requires additional labor, and that grasshoppers frequently damage the alfalfa considerably on small acreages. However, general experience in Iowa justifies the method above suggested as it produces the best fields of alfalfa.

## ADVANTAGES OF CULTIVATION

It Helps to Keep Weeds Down and Conserves Moisture Necessary for Vegetables.

Keep the hand cultivator going to preserve a dust mulch and to kill weeds. Either pull or hoe the weeds out of the vegetable rows. The best time to kill weeds is when they have just pushed through the top of the ground. Frequent shallow cultivation will do this as well as conserve moisture.

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## Troublesome Bird Box.

Seven-year-old Mary Ellen did not wish a baby sister and when it arrived she was very indignant. She wished the doctor to take it back home with him, and she was so determined that, to protect herself, the doctor explained that he hadn't brought it to their home, but that it had been the work of a faithful bird called the stork.

Mary Ellen stared at him a minute. Then she said, "I'm going to tear down that birdhouse right away, before any more birds can build nests there."

## Cuticura for Pimples Faces.

To remove pimples and blackheads smear them with Cuticura Ointment. Wash off in five minutes with Cuticura Soap and hot water. Once clear keep your skin clear by using them for daily toilet purposes. Don't fail to include Cuticura Talcum. Advertisement.

## Speedy War Car Tested.

A light-armored car, capable of traveling at a high speed and at the same time firing 4,800 rounds of ammunition a minute, is being experimented with by the British.

An occasional look at your boy's room may explain why he is on the street so much.

## So Fussed He Named Wrong Verse.

The minister was putting on a brand new collar and was having the usual trouble with it. "Bless the collar!" he ejaculated as he tugged and tugged. "Bless the blessed collar!" "My dear," said his wife, "what is your text for this morning's sermon?" "F-fourteenth verse f-fifty-fifth Psalm," he replied in short gasps. "The w-words of his mouth were (tug) s-smoother than butter, but there was (tug) w-war in his heart."—Boston Transcript.

## Electricity to Force Plants.

Large electric lamps, 1,000-watt capacity, are being used in an intensive study of the rate of respiration and the process of photosynthesis in plants at the University of Wisconsin. The plants are allowed to grow under these powerful lamps in a room cooled to about 65 degrees Fahrenheit.

The morning hour hath gold in its mouth.

Great men make room for great men.

As much of heaven is visible as we have eyes to see.

Too much time is wasted in arguing.

## Good Stores Sell Them!

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